

## BENTON COUNTY Tobacco Use Statistics

### ADULTS

#### Adult Tobacco Use

- Our most recent survey data showed that about 13.9% of adults in Benton County smoke cigarettes.<sup>1</sup>

#### Quit Line

- 466 people from Benton County called the Quit Line in the past year.<sup>2</sup>

### YOUTH

#### Current Cigarette Smoking

- Our most recent survey data showed:<sup>3</sup>
  - 6<sup>th</sup> grade: 1.4% in Benton County, and 2.0% statewide, reported they currently smoke cigarettes.
  - 8<sup>th</sup> grade: \*\* in Benton County, and 7.8% statewide, reported they currently smoke cigarettes.
  - 10<sup>th</sup> grade: 15.9% in Benton County, and 13.0% statewide, reported they currently smoke cigarettes.
  - 12<sup>th</sup> grade: \*\* in Benton County, and 19.7% statewide, reported they currently smoke cigarettes.

### PREGNANT WOMEN

#### Smoking During Pregnancy

- About 10.8% of pregnant women in Benton County smoke during pregnancy, compared to 10.2% statewide.<sup>4</sup>
- About 260 infants are born each year in Benton County to mothers who smoke during pregnancy.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Data are from the 2005 Department of Health Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS). A 'current smoker' reports having smoked at least 100 cigarettes in their lifetime and also responds "every day" or "some days" to the question "Do you smoke cigarettes now?" This estimate has a  $\pm 4.4\%$  margin of error – this means that the "true" population value (percent of current smokers) is most likely somewhere in this range of the reported percentage, but may not be exactly equal to the reported percentage.

<sup>2</sup> Data include counts of tobacco users, health care provider, and other callers seeking information from the Washington State Tobacco Quit Line between July 01, 2005, and June 30, 2006, who identified themselves as being residents of Benton County.

<sup>3</sup> Data for Benton County were collected from youth who participated in the Washington State Healthy Youth Survey (HYS) in Fall 2004. The margins of error for estimates in Benton County are: 6<sup>th</sup> grade ( $\pm 0.8\%$ ) and 10<sup>th</sup> grade ( $\pm 2.2\%$ ). This means that the "true" population value (percent of current smokers) is somewhere in this range of the reported percentage, but may not be exactly equal to the reported percentage.

Data for Washington were collected as part of a statewide sample of youth for the Washington State Healthy Youth Survey (HYS) in Fall 2004. The margins of error for estimates are: 6<sup>th</sup> grade ( $\pm 0.4\%$ ), 8<sup>th</sup> grade ( $\pm 1.0\%$ ), 10<sup>th</sup> grade ( $\pm 1.4\%$ ), and 12<sup>th</sup> grade ( $\pm 2.2\%$ ).

<sup>4</sup> Data are from 2004 Washington State Birth Certificates. The margin of error for Benton County is ( $\pm 1.3\%$ ); the margin of error for Washington State is ( $\pm 0.2\%$ ). Women who indicate that they smoke at all during pregnancy are classified as smokers. Health risk behaviors like smoking during pregnancy may be underreported due to growing social unacceptability of unhealthy behaviors during pregnancy.

<sup>5</sup> The number of infants born to mothers who smoke during pregnancy are calculated using an average of the births to mothers who report smoking on the Birth Certificate from 2001-2004. The estimate is rounded to the nearest factor of ten.